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Texas police officer seen shooting man who was stabbing woman to death

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Newly released video shows the moment a police officer in Texas opened fire to try to stop a man stabbing a woman to death.

The incident happened in December 2017 as the Austin officer responded to a report of a stabbing at an apartment complex and came across 52-year-old Aubrey Garrett in the act of attacking the victim.

“This was a very rare moment when the officer actually came upon the offense as it was being committed and captured part of the stabbings on camera,” Travis County District Attorney Margaret Moore told FOX7.

How Technology Helped Solve the Murder of Ellen 'Ellie' Weik

Image

(TNS) — Technology, especially the kind used with text messages, search engines and geolocations, is being used more prominently by police in criminal investigations.

Those efforts were underscored recently in hundreds of court documents that revealed a Butler County, Ohio, police department determined that Michael Strouse of Liberty Twp. “left a digital trail of evidence related to stalking and pre-meditated murder” of Ellen “Ellie” Weik, a 23-year-old West Chester Twp. woman who went missing in July 2018 and whose body was found in a field in August.

The more than 800 pages of court records unsealed earlier this month and obtained and examined by this news outlet, and a clear indication of how West Chester Police Department detectives used technology to investigate Strouse.

Retired Cop: Politics are Ruining the

Criminal Justice System

Image

Cook County Jail has 1,600 less inmates this year than last. Cook County Board President Tony Prekwinkle, Chief Judge Timothy Evans, Illinois's States Attorney Kimberly Foxx, and Sheriff Tom Dart are celebrating the miraculous reduction of the jail population. You would celebrate too if you were a political leader in Cook County.

Roughly a year ago, the previously mentioned politicians pushed for a revamped bonding system in Cook County. Their reasoning? Too many criminals were being locked up awaiting trial with bonds that they could not afford.

LAPD official behind controversial data programs to retire after winning lucrative contract

Image

The architect behind the Los Angeles Police Department's widely hailed but controversial data-driven crime-fighting tools is leaving the agency next week to help expand similar programs in other cities.

Deputy Chief Sean Malinowski spent years pushing the LAPD to the forefront of how police agencies analyze data to target crime. His departure, though, comes amid the overhaul of a program he helped implement more than eight years ago to predict locations of property crimes after questions were raised about its effectiveness and whether black and Latino communities are unfairly targeted.

Project Répercussion: Laval police create special squad after reckless Mafia-related hit

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While calling the reckless nature in which Salvatore Scoppa, a man with close ties to the Montreal Mafia, was recently murdered “unacceptable,” the head of the Laval police has announced the creation of a special task force that will target organized crime in that city.

Through a release issued Friday, Laval police chief Pierre Brochet announced the creation of Project Répercussion, a special squad that will be composed of investigators from the Laval police, the Sûreté du Québec and the RCMP.

“We won’t hesitate to double our efforts to maintain, at all costs, the safety of our citizens,” Brochet stated in the release, which the Laval police requested be kept under embargo until Monday.

Scoppa, the brother of Andrea (Andrew) Scoppa, 55, a man who has been alleged to be the leader of a Calabrian branch of the Montreal Mafia, was killed after 10 p.m. on Saturday, May 4 at the Sheraton Hotel in Laval, reportedly at a reception to celebrate his son’s

confirmation. A gunman fired several shots while many innocent people, including children, were standing nearby. According to the Laval police, several shots were fired inside the hotel where “hundreds of people were present, including children. Many among them believed there was an active shooter (going through the hotel) and were very affected by this event.”

Artificial Intelligence Can Now Copy Your Voice: What Does That Mean For Humans?

Image

It takes just 3.7 seconds of audio to clone a voice. This impressive—and a bit alarming—feat was announced by Chinese tech giant Baidu. A year ago, the company’s voice cloning tool called Deep Voice required 30 minutes of audio to do the same. This illustrates just how fast the technology to create artificial voices is accelerating. In just a short time, the capabilities of AI voice generation have expanded and become more realistic which makes it easier for the technology to be misused.

2019 crime gun intelligence grants to help police reduce violent crime

Image

Applications are now being accepted for the Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration (CGIC) Initiative, a competitive grant offered through the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) in collaboration with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

The crime gun intelligence grants initiative was created to assist local and state governments where an increase in gun violence is documented in working with their local ATF agencies to reduce violent crime and illegal firearms within their jurisdictions.

Recipients will work to integrate CGIC business practices that include interagency collaboration, focused on the immediate collection, management and analysis of crime gun evidence. (Photo/Public

Domain Photos)
Eight grants will be awarded by the BJA, each worth $750,000, for a total of $6 million for the entire initiative.

UK’s organised crime threat at record level, warns National Crime Agency

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Britain risks losing the fight against organised crime unless police receive significant new resources to tackle the “chronic and corrosive” threat from such groups, the head of the National Crime Agency has warned.

In a chilling assessment, the NCA’s director general, Lynne Owens, said the threat from organised crime groups was at unprecedented levels. “It is chronic and corrosive. The message needs to be heard by everyone.”

She added: “People should understand that serious and organised

crime kills more of our citizens every year than terrorism, war and natural disasters combined."

In a rare political intervention, the head of an agency often described as Britain's equivalent to the FBI reopened the debate on police funding, arguing that without significant investment the UK's forces would fall further behind the criminals exploiting encrypted communications technology and dark web anonymity.

Extreme Cartel Violence Has Come to Mexico City

Image

CARTEL CHRONICLES is an ongoing series of dispatches from the front lines of the drug war in Latin America.

Contraband watches, shoes, and DVDs. Drugs. People. Guns. Justice. There's nothing money can't buy in Tepito, one of Mexico City's most infamously tough neighborhoods.

But on a recent Monday morning, the local market, which normally features hundreds of vendors hawking everything you can think of, was missing some of its usual hustle and bustle. Stalls stood abandoned because vendors could not afford the extortion payments demanded by La Unión, the local cartel.

It may seem like a bit of local trouble in a country torn apart by cartel violence. But in Mexico City, viewed as a relative safe haven from cartel influence, developments in Tepito are prompting some locals VICE spoke with to ask whether the city's partial immunity from Mexico's drug war is over.

Breaking San Diego: A Meth Crisis

Image

On April 18, 2019, a few minutes after midnight, two women were stopped at the San Ysidro Port of Entry while returning from a trip to Tijuana, Mexico. According to federal prosecutors, a Customs and

Border Protection agent looked under the 2006 Ford Explorer that the women were in and noticed new bolts on the gas tank. Minutes later hidden inside the gas tank, agents found 53 packages, totaling 69 pounds of methamphetamine or “meth”.

Hours earlier, at the same border crossing, a man was traveling from Mexico when he was stopped by U.S. Border Patrol agents. A drug-detecting canine had alerted agents to the man’s 2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee. Hidden inside a spare tire, the seats, as well as the door panels were 20 packages of meth, weighing more than 110 pounds.

A routine police stop landed him on California's gang database. Is it racial profiling?

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Brian Allen was driving home from work in July 2017 when he spotted someone from his days at Crenshaw High School. He stopped, they talked and he agreed to give the friend — an aspiring rapper with a criminal record — a ride.

A passing LAPD cruiser did a U-turn and pulled over Allen's Nissan. Officers questioned both men and let them go.

But more than a year later, police notified Allen that he'd been added to CalGang, a controversial database of thousands of gang members and those in their orbits. Police alleged that he associates with gangs because, Allen suspects, he has been seen in gang areas — the South L.A. neighborhood where he lives — and with an alleged gang member — the old friend.

"I was stunned," the 31-year-old dance instructor said. "You automatically get cast as [a gang associate] often just because of how you look and where you are."

PTSD 'at Crisis Levels' Among Police Officers

Image

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) among police officers in the UK is far more common than was ever thought, a new survey suggests. One PC describes his battle with the medical condition.
Lee Jackson is the kind of police officer who runs towards danger, the sort who is not afraid to break down doors or break up fights.

A Taser-trained response officer at Durham Police with over 19 years' service, he's dealt with almost every crime imaginable and was once three minutes from death after becoming impaled on a broken car aerial while investigating a car crash.

But PC Jackson was floored by a medical condition that affects thousands of officers without them even realising - PTSD, which causes acute anxiety, sleep problems and recurring memories of disturbing events.

B.C. Speaker apologizes for speech that said Hells Angels, Mafia 'successful'

Image

VICTORIA — The Speaker of British Columbia's legislature is apologizing for offending some people with a speech he gave about leadership qualities that he says went "sideways."

Darryl Plecas said Friday the point he tried to make to about 160 local government politicians on Wednesday was that even though crime bosses and some politicians are considered successful leaders, they don't pass the leadership test.

Plecas said when he mentioned the Hells Angels, Mafia and U.S. President Donald Trump as examples of leaders considered successful, some people attending the Lower Mainland Local Government Association gathering objected to his comments because they thought he was endorsing those leaders.

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6 LMPD officers accused of working private security jobs during patrol shifts

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Six Louisville Metro Police officers were indicted Monday on felony theft charges, accused of working private security jobs while clocked in for their patrol shifts.

A Jefferson County grand jury returned an indictment for one count of theft by deception for six officers: Michael Abnerathy Jr., Dontae Booker, Cortez Ernest, Jackie Miller, Ashley Spratt and Roniqua Yocum.

The indictment provides few details but alleges the theft occurred between January and November of 2018.

It's also unclear how much money was involved, though the officers' charges are for an amount over $500 but less than $10,000.

Inside Europe:
Italian mafia exploits migrant workers

Image

In the birthplace of the mafia, its tentacles have moved beyond drug dealing and white collar crime to taking control of Italy's farmland and its workers. Megan Williams travelled to one area south of Rome where a community of Sikh agricultural workers, long exploited and even enslaved by criminal groups, and an Italian activist, are fighting back.

BODY CAMERA

Image

AUSTIN (KXAN) — State investigators say international criminals are targeting Central Austin as another credit card skimmer turned up in north Austin.

A CITGO at 1006 East Yager Lane in Austin is the latest gas station to be hit with a credit card skimmer. Officials said thieves continue to target Austin with this type of crime.

"We are finding a lot of them. We are cracking down on them," said Sid Miller, the Texas Agriculture Commissioner. "Their technology is getting more sophisticated. We are having to change our techniques. Our skimmer units are out there working daily to protect the Texas consumer.

Commissioner Miller said this is an attack by international criminals.

"It's mainly mafia driven. Foreign mafia groups. Most of them are in Cuba, there's a small group out of Russia."

How British Columbia became the money-laundering capital of the world

Image

According to 2 recent government reports, more than $5B in dirty international money was laundered in the picturesque province of British Columbia last year.

Over the past few years, the rapid appearance of high-rolling casinos, luxury real estate developments, and luxury car dealerships in the westernmost province of Canada seemed too good to be true.

Gunmakers Are Profiting From Toy Replicas That Can Get Kids Killed

Image

When 12-year-old Tamir Rice was shot and killed by police in 2014 mere seconds after their arrival at a park in Cleveland, the officers said they believed they were in imminent danger because Rice was holding a gun. They didn't know it was a toy.

According to a report released by the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, the plastic replica, an airsoft gun that fires 6mm plastic BBs, was so close to the original that "even to a trained eye, careful side-by-side comparison is required." Modeled after a .45-caliber 1911 pistol and originally purchased from Walmart, the fake gun was complete with Colt trademark inscriptions, and produced by Cybergun, a French airsoft manufacturer and longtime partner of Colt's Manufacturing.

How facial recognition became a routine policing tool in America

The technology is proliferating amid concerns that it is prone to errors and allows the government to expand surveillance without much oversight.

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In August 2017, a woman contacted the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office in Colorado with what seemed like a simple case: After a date at a bowling alley, she'd discovered $400 missing from her purse and asked the manager to review the surveillance footage, which showed her companion snatching the cash while she bowled a frame.

But despite the clear evidence, the search for the bowling companion floundered. The woman knew only his first name. He'd removed his profile from the dating site on which they'd met. His number, now disconnected, was linked to a hard-to-trace "burner" phone. Security video captured his car in the parking lot, but not its license plate.

Sheriff's Department Finds Way to Communicate With ICE Without Violating Sanctuary State Law

Image

The Orange County Sheriff's Department has complained that California's "Sanctuary State Law," SB54, has made it difficult to enforce the law and comply with federal authorities.

Among other restrictions, the law stipulates that state and local law enforcement are prohibited from holding illegal aliens on the basis of federal immigration detainers or transferring them into federal custody. It also prohibits state and local law enforcement from asking anyone about their immigration status or sharing any information with federal authorities.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department has found a way to notify Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) without technically violating SB54. This is because the law, while prohibiting communication with ICE on certain offenses, does allow for information to be shared if it is made publicly available.

Hells Angels are coming to Clemson for a summer gathering. Residents have mixed feelings.

Image

An estimated 600 to 700 members of the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club are set to ride into Clemson from July 29 to Aug. 2 for their national gathering.

"They'll come in, have a meeting, get together," Kade Herrick, tourism director for the Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce, said. "It is almost like a family reunion for them."

Herrick said the local Hells Angels club originally approached the tourism office in 2016 about having the event in Clemson, but the club voted to hold it in Missouri instead for 2017.

El Cortez shooting suspects believed to be members of Hells Angels-affiliated motorcycle club

Image

LAS VEGAS (FOX5) -- Police believe three suspects in a shooting early Sunday at the El Cortez were members of a motorcycle club affiliated with the Hells Angels.

Officers responded to calls of shots fired and a person injured at the El Cortez early Sunday morning, according to an arrest report filed in the case.

When police arrived, they found four victims who had received apparent gunshot wounds. All four were wearing clothing and indicia associated with the Vagos motorcycle gang, according to the arrest report.

Officers found four other Vagos members and prospects near the crime scene and detained them for questioning, the report said.

Witness testifies how he sold cocaine under orders of MS-13 boss jailed in El Salvador

Image

Extorting money from a brothel; selling more than a kilo of cocaine; and following the orders of leadership jailed in El Salvador prisons.

These were some actions of the MS-13 gang, an associate cooperating with the government detailed Monday, as he also tied to MS-13 a defendant on trial for the murder of what MS-13 gang members thought was a rival street gang member.

The cooperator, Kevin Cifuentes, 25, was the third person affiliated with MS-13 to outline how the street gang works as a government cooperator in federal court in Central Islip at the trial of Jose Suarez.

Newsom Pardons Cambodian Men Facing Deportation

Image

Two Cambodian refugees who committed crimes as young adults that cost them their green cards and put them on a path toward deportation have been pardoned for their crimes, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Monday.

Hay Hov of Oakland and Kang Hen of San Francisco immigrated to the U.S. lawfully as children but were put in deportation proceedings after serving time for criminal convictions. They had asked Newsom to pardon their crimes, arguing they left behind troubled lives to become working men who are raising families.

A pardon doesn't expunge or erase an individual's conviction but recognizes their progress and accomplishments, according to the governor's office. In this case, a pardon may eventually allow Hen to stay in the U.S.

The Joseph Project works to connect human trafficking survivors with pro bono legal services

Image

DETROIT - A woman who was a victim of human trafficking, beginning when she was 12 years old, was beaten, stabbed and left to recover in a hospital, facing high medical bills.

D'lynn's story is hard to imagine. She was a victim of human trafficking for 18 years and attacked so severely by the man who trafficked her that she only survived by getting to a hospital.

She was sued and said the lawsuit was devastating because she had finally broken free from her abuser and wanted to start a new life. With the lawsuit against her, however, she wasn't able to rent an apartment and her credit was ruined.

She had nowhere to turn and that's when The Joseph Project stepped in to help.

"I didn't know anything about credit reports. I didn't even know you had hospital bills. I didn't know that type of stuff so the collection agency reached out to me," D'lynn said.

Burgeoning Numbers Of Cubans Trying To Enter US Via Mexicor asylum.

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CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Burgeoning numbers of Cubans are trying to get into the U.S. by way of the Mexican border, creating a big backlog of people waiting on the Mexican side for months for their chance to apply for asylum.

The surge over the past several months has been propelled in part by loosened traveled restrictions in Central America and deteriorating living conditions in Cuba.

As a result, about 4,500 people, the vast majority of them Cuban, are

crowded into Ciudad Juarez, across from El Paso, Texas, while they wait to be called for their asylum interviews — an influx that has raised tensions with the locals in some cases.

“It’s a bottleneck with an opening that is getting smaller,” said Enrique Valenzuela, an official of Mexico’s Chihuahua state, which manages Juarez’s waiting list. “People keep coming.”

For decades during the Cold War and beyond, Cubans tried to reach the U.S. by air, land and sea, many of them crossing the 90 miles to Florida in dangerously rickety boats and rafts.

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